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CAMDEN, N. J., OCT. 20th, 1874.

THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY met, pursuant to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church, in the City of Camden, N. J., on Tuesday, October 20th, 1874, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D.D., from Gal. v. 13, "For brethren ye have been called unto liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh."

After public worship, the Synod was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.
[None.]	[None.]

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

MINISTERS.

Rev. LEWIS BOND,
" H. R. WILSON, D. D.,
" J. C. RANKIN, D. D.,
Rev. W. C. ROBERTS, D. D.,
" J. B. PATTERSON,
" J. A. LIGGETT,

Rev. Robert Street,
" E. H. Reinhart,
" E. B. Edgar,
" A. T. Graves,
" J. G. Williamson,
" E. Kempshall, D. D.,
" G. S. Plumley,
" D. H. Pierson, Ph. D.,
" Wm. A. Lynch,
Rev. John Ewing,
" K. P. Ketcham,
" Aaron Peck,
" E. G. Read,
" J. A. Blauvelt,
" S. A. Davenport,
" Samuel Parry,
" W. H. Roberts,
" Joseph McNulty,
Rev. Alexander McKelvy.

RULING ELDERS.

Robert Craig.....Lamington.
Clark Faitoute.....Connecticut Farms.
A. B. McCollum.....Basking Ridge.
Wm. Woodcock.....Elizabeth Port.
Chas. H. Langdon.....First Church, Elizabeth.
John W. Weed, M. D.....Metuchin.
M. Mulford.....Westminster Ch., Elizabeth.
Peter V. Servis.....Second Church, Elizabeth.
Jonathan Woodruff.....Second Church, Rahway.
E. V. Shotwell.....First Church, Plainfield.
E. A. Miller.....Roselle.
A. V. Wortman.....Pluckamin
T. E. Hunt.....Clarksville.
N. R. Park.....Crawford.
H. N. Demorest.....Woodbridge.
Joseph Cory.....Westfield.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

[Excused. See page 10.]

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

MINISTERS.

Rev. J. T. B. Beekman,
" Isaac Todd,
" C. F. Worrell, D. D.,
" R. Taylor, D. D.,
" E. M. Kellogg,
Rev. J. G. Symmes,
" J. W. Hubbard,
" B. S. Everitt,
" M. L. Hofford,
" R. J. Burtt,

Rev. S. Miller, D. D.,
" T. Wilson,
" A. H. Dashiell, Jr.,
" J. B. Davis,
" E. J. Pierce,
" R. Julien,
" A. P. Cobb,
Rev. J. S. Van Dyke,
" E. B. Hodge,
" H. R. Hall,
" W. G. Cairns,
" J. H. McIlvaine,
" A. Marcellus,
" S. R. Anderson.

RULING ELDERS.

G. Marcellus.....Squan Village.
Mahlon Hutchinson.....Bordentown.
S. S. Morris.....Manchester.
D. N. Byram.....Shrewsbury.
Samuel H. Turner.....Bricksburg.
John Beekman.....Hightstown.
John E. Johnson.....Red Bank.
Joseph Combs.....Tennent Church.
Peter R. Bergen.....First Church, Cranbury.
G. W. Solomon.....First Church, Freehold.
Wm. P. Forman.....Manalapan.
Jos. C. Magee.....Jamesburg.
J. S. Davison.....Second Church, Cranbury.
Geo. A. Sawyer.....Tuckerton.
John R. Irons.....Plumstead.
Geo. B. Wills.....Columbus.
H. P. Carpenter.....Beverly.
Samuel Burtis.....Mount Holly.
John Robbins.....Allentown.

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

MINISTERS.

Rev. J. M. Ogden, D. D.,
" B. C. Magie,
" D. N. Bardwell,
" David Irving, D. D.,
" R. Aikman,
" N. Conklin,
" C. C. Parker, D. D.,
" Samuel Sawyer,
" O. H. P. Deyo,
" J. F. Brewster,
Rev. Eldridge Mix,
" Alfred Yeomans,
" Albert Erdman,
" Thomas Carter,
" D. W. Fox,
" I. W. Cochrane,
" J. A. Ferguson,
" J. H. Worcester,
" C. D. Chapman,
" A. V. C. Johnson

Rev. J. M. Hunting.

RULING ELDERS.

Harry W. Morehouse..... Chatham.
Titus Berry.....Dover.
E. R. Fairchild.....Whippany.
Jeremiah Baker.....Madison.
Geo. Scofield .....New Vernon.
Isaac L. Condit..... .....Parsippany.
S. B. Smith..... .....First Church, Orange.
C. D. Pierson.....Second Church, Orange.
L. P. Stone.....Orange Central.
John C. Hines..... .....South Street, Morristown.
D. H. Smith.....Boonton.
J. D. Stevenson.....First Church, Morristown.
J. L Sutton..... .....First Church, Mendham.
Joseph Kitchen, Jr.....Hanover.
J. Beck..... .....South Orange.
J. B. Miller .....Rockaway.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Isaac McIlvaine,
" J. F. Stearns, D. D.,
" J. P. Wilson, D. D.,
" J. H. McIlvaine, D. D.,
" W. T. Findley, D. D.,
" S. H. Hall, D. D.,
Rev. E. R. Craven, D. D.,
" J. U. Guenther,
" P. De Veuve,
" C. T. Haley,
" H. W. Ballantine,
" Wm. A. Nordt.

RULING ELDERS.

J. M. Tuttle .....First Church, Newark.
J. J. Dickerson.....High Street, Newark.
Jos. P. Brakley.....Central, Newark.
W. Crane .....Second Church, Newark.
Lorenzo Boyden.....Third Church, Newark.
Mr. Hexamer.....First German, Newark.
T. R. Carter..... .....Montclair.
A. T. Freeman..... .....Park Church, Newark.
Jacob S. Dodd.....Lyons Farms.
Jacob M. Barrett.....Bloomfield.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

MINISTERS.

Rev. R. K. Rodgers, D. D.
" C. W. Nassau, D. D
Rev. C. A. Aiken, D. D.,
" P. A. Studdiford, D. D.,

Rev. J. M. Macdonald, D. D.
" B. Carrell,
" Geo. Hale, D. D.
" Henry Neill, D. D.
" Geo. Sheldon, D. D.
" John Miller,
" A. D. White,
" J. Woodbridge, D. D.
" R. H. Richardson, D. D.
" A. Gosman, D. D.
" W. A. McCorkle, D. D.
" S. M. Hamill, D. D.
" Geo. S. Mott, D. D.

Rev. A. L. Armstrong,
" Isaac M. Patterson,
" S. M. Studdiford,
" J. S. Gilmore,
" J. H. Scofield,
" J. B. Kennedy,
" J. D. Randolph,
" Wm. Harris,
" Geo. L. Smith,
" D. R. Foster,
" Wm. Swan,
" I. V. W. Schenck,
" J. D. Hewit,

Rev. C. H. Asay.

RULING ELDERS.

L. V. D. Shepherd.....Bound Brook.
Geo. Maclean, M. D.....First Church, Princeton.
Daniel Little.....Kingwood.
Samuel Roberts.....First Church, Trenton.
Joseph R. Woodruff.....Second Church, Trenton.
F. J. Slade.....Third Church, Trenton.
Chas. A. Brearley.....Fourth Church, Trenton.
Peter Davis.....Lawrenceville.
E. R. Bullock.....Flemington.
Ashbel Welch.....Lambertville.
Wm. Rust.....First Church, New Brunsw'k.
Isaac J. Snedeker.....Dutch Neck.
Geo. Carpenter.....Milford.
Chas. T. Hunt.....Titusville.
Martin Cruser.....Kingston.
H. E. Warford.....Frenchtown.
E. A. Titus.....Pennington.
Geo. W. Runk.....Stockton.
Jacob S. Van Mater.....Kirkpatrick Memorial.
Joseph G. Bowne.....Amwell Second.
Edward S. McIlvaine.....Ewing.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

MINISTERS.

Rev. James Petrie,
" R. B. Forsman,
" Myron Barrett,
" H. E. Spayd,

Rev. Thomas McCauley,
" Wm. Thompson,
" A. H. Haines,
" A. M. Jelly,

Rev. H. B. Scott,
" H. B. Townsend,
" J. M. Maxwell,
Rev. E. C. Cline,
" D. Conway,
" John Pollock.

RULING ELDERS.

Samuel Sherrerd.....Belvidere First.
Chas. D. Barber.....Stewartsville.
W. Carpenter.....Greenwich.
John L. Brown.....North Hardiston.
A. W. Cook.....Marksboro.
J. Fritz.....Musconetcong Valley.
H. B. Britton.....Asbury.
E. Spangerberg.....Mansfield First.
J. Marshall Paul.....Belvidere-Second.
B. Roy.....Yellow Frame.
Thomas Ryerson, M. D.....Newton.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

MINISTERS.

Rev. V. D. Reed, D. D.,
" J. O. Wells,
" A. H. Brown,
" W. T. Doubleday,
" J. G. Shinn,
" W. W. McNair,
" H. Reeves,
" H. E. Thomas,
" E. P. Shields,
" L. C. Baker,
" J. A. Maxwell,
Rev. A. Ketcham,
" F. R. Brace,
" W. A. Ferguson,
" J. R. Campbell,
" T. E. Coyle,
" G. H. S. Campbell,
" O. B. McCurdy,
" J. H. O'Brien,
" A. E. A. Wanderer,
" R. H. Davis,
" A. Proudfit.

RULING ELDERS.

Wm. Fewsmith.....Camden First.
W. A. Simmons.....Vineland.
Smith Sheppard.....Greenwich.
Joel Fithian.....Bridgeton Second.
Samuel Schellinger.....Cape Island.
A. S. Woodruff.....West Bridgeton.
J. N. Newcomb.....Cedarville First.
Alexander Marcy.....Camden Second.
N. Brannheiss.....Swedesborough.
Alfred Holmes.....Bridgeton First.
Chas. Stevenson.....Blackwoodtown.
P. R. Burtt.....Fislerville.

The Rev. James M. Macdonald, D.D., of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, was elected Moderator. Rev. Messrs. R. K. Rodgers, D.D., and J. B. Davis were elected clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report recommending

1st. That the Synod hold three sessions per day. Meeting in the morning at 9 o'clock. Take recess at 12 o'clock. Meet in the afternoon at 2½ o'clock. Take recess at 5 o'clock. Meet in the evening at 7½ o'clock. and that the last half hour of the morning session be spent in devotional exercises.

2d. That on Tuesday evening a missionary meeting be held, to be addressed by representatives of the Boards of Foreign and Home Missions.

3d. That the Narrative of the State of Religion be presented on Wednesday at 11 o'clock, A. M. The reading to be followed by devotional exercises until the close of the morning session.

4th. That on Wednesday evening the Synod commemorate the death of Christ in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. J. F. Stearns, D.D., to administer the bread, and Rev. Chas. A. Aiken, D.D., to administer the cup. Ruling Elders, Dickerson, Pierson, Smith, Mulford, Burtis, McCollum, Boyden, Servis, Demarest, Woodruff, Roberts, and Barbour, to distribute the sacramental elements.

This service to be followed with addresses from Rev. Wm. A. McCorkle, D.D., and Rev. W. C. Roberts, D.D.

5th. All public meetings and devotional exercises to be under the direction of the Moderator.

The report was adopted.

Satisfactory reasons were given for the absence of Rev. J. R. Mann, D.D., Rev. W. W. Blauvelt, D.D., and Rev. George S. Bishop.

Rev. Edward W. French, of the Presbytery of Jersey City, appeared in Synod and presented the following extract from the minutes of his Presbytery, viz.:

JERSEY CITY, OCT. 19th, 1874.

In view of the grave importance of the Judicial case now pending, and of the urgent need of hastening it with all reasonable diligence to full conclusion.

Resolved, That the Presbytery feels constrained to forego attendance upon the sessions of the Synod, commencing on the 20th inst.

Resolved, 2*d*, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to bear notice of this action to the Synod, accompanied with our fraternal salutations and urgent request for their fervent intercession on our behalf.

Attest. EDWARD W. FRENCH, *Stated Clerk.*

Resolved, That the reason assigned for the absence of the members of the Presbytery of Jersey City is satisfactory to Synod.

Rev. E. W. French obtained leave of absence from remaining sessions of the Synod.

A communication was received from Mr. John A. Black, Business Superintendent of the Board of Publication, inviting Synod to visit the Publication House in Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted with the thanks of the Synod therefor.

Rev. H. C. Westwood, D.D., of the Synod of Philadelphia, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Synod then took a recess until 7½ o'clock.

After the recess,

The Synod convened and engaged in devotional exercises, after which addresses were delivered by Rev. J. S. Woodside, missionary to India, and Rev. A. Erdman in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Rev. Cyrus Dickson, D.D., in behalf of the Board of Home Missions.

The Moderator then announced the Standing Committees as follows, viz.:

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.—*Ministers.*—Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D. D., Rev. J. G. Symmes, Rev. R. Aikman, Rev. J. C. Rankin, D.D., Rev. P. A. Studdiford, D.D., Rev. Myron Barrett, Rev. F. R. Brace.

Elders.—Dr. Weed, Dr. Rush, Samuel Roberts, W. S. P. Smith.

II. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—*Ministers.*—Rev. J. P. Wilson, D.D., Rev. E. B. Hodge, Rev. Eldridge Mix, Rev. Geo. Sheldon, D.D., Rev. E. R. Craven, D.D., Rev. S. H. Hall, D. D.

Ruling Elders.—Dr. George McLean, Dr. Thos. Ryerson, A. S. Woodruff.

An Appeal and Complaint against the action of the Presby-

tery of Elizabeth in the case of Dr. Wm. Gale was presented and referred to the Judicial Committee.

Synod then adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Rodgers.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21ST, 1874.

9 o'clock.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. Additional members appeared as follows, viz.:

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

Henry Race, M. D., Ruling Elder of Bethlehem Church.

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Rev. J. M. Anderson.
Aaron Hutchings, Ruling Elder of Burlington Church.
J. W. Hageman, " " Dayton "
N. P. Todd, " " Union "
T. F. Pruden, " " Tom's River "

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

Rev. J. H. Brewster. Rev. R. S. Feagles.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

Rev. Clarence Eddy, Rev. Chas. E. Knox, D.D.
Rev. M. F. Hollister, Rev. I. B. Hopwood.
A. W. Woodward, Ruling Elder of South Park Church.
Jacob Dodd, " " Lyon's Farm "

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rev. N. S. Allen, Rev. S. R. Wynkoop.
Rev. R. S. Manning, Rev. C. S. Conkling.
Rev. John Hall, D.D.
E. R. Fullerton, Ruling Elder of the Flemington Church.
J. W. Bellis, " " United Amwell 1st.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

Rev. J. J. Carrell Rev. J. B. Kugler. Rev. Wm. H. Belden.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

Rev. Henry L. Mayers, Rev. N. L. Upham.
" William Bannard, D.D.
John Henry, Ruling Elder of the Bunker Hill Church.
A. S. Woodruff, " " West Bridgeton "
A. Paget, " " Deerfield "

D. E. Iszard,	Ruling Elder of	May's Landing	Church.
H. B. Ware,	"	"	Salem	"
J. C. Sheppard,	"	"	Tuckahoe	"
B. F. Griswold,	"	"	Brainerd	"
J. Homer,	"	"	Merchantville	"

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

Rev. F. Kerns.

Satisfactory reasons were given for the absence of the Rev. John Enslin and Rev. George C.Pollock.

Revs. N. L. Hoffman, D. M. James, Wm. R. Work, A. Poulson, R. Davidson, D.D., M. B. Grier, D.D., S. W. Crittenden, of the Synod of Philadelphia; J. D. Mitchell, D.D., of the Synod of Virginia, and Rev. C. S. Newhall, of the Oneida Congregational Association, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Moderator announced additional committees as follows: viz.:

Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.—Revs. George Hale, D. D., C. S. Conkling.

On Treasurer's Account and Assessment—Wm. Fewsmith and Samuel Burtis.

On Narrative, 1875.—Rev. Geo. S. Mott, Rev. S. M. Hamill, D. D.

On Leave of Absence.—Revs. J. B. Kennedy, Thomas Carter. *Elder*—F. J. Slade.

On Presbyterial Records—

Corisco—Revs. E. P. Shields, Myron Barrett.—*Elder*—Wm. P. Forman.

Elizabeth.—Revs. A. Yeomans, J. B. Kennedy. *Elder*—J. G. Bowne.

Jersey City.—Revs. A. Gosman, D.D., R. H. Davis. *Elder*—Joel Fithian.

Monmouth.—Revs. P. DeVeuve, J. A. Liggett. *Elder*—Martin Cruser.

Morris and Orange.—Revs. A. P. Cobb, H. E. Spayd. *Elder*—J. W. Cook.

New Brunswick.—Revs. Robert Aikman, L. C. Baker. *Elder*—S. Woodbridge.

Newton.—Revs. A. L. Armstrong, G. S. Plumley. *Elder*—Peter R. Bergen.

West Jersey.—Revs. W. T. Findley, D.D., Jos. S. Vandyke. *Elder*—Jonathan Woodruff.

Newark.—Revs. J.Woodbridge, D.D., J.W.Cochrane. *Elder*—E. S. McIlvaine.

A communication from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, proposing the organization of a "National

Christian Temperance Alliance," and a communication from the Rev. Dr. Speer, Secretary of the Board of Education, were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church was read. Rev. J. D. Hewit, Rev. George L. Smith, and Elder G. W. Runk were appointed a committee to bring in a suitable minute in response to this communication.

Vacancies in the Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence were filled by the appointment of the Rev. William H. Belden in the place of the Rev. T. L. Byington, and the Rev. W. H. Roberts in the place of the Rev. Chas. A. Briggs.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements it was

Resolved, That the *first* Order of the day for the afternoon be, the report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and that the *second* Order of the day for the afternoon be addresses from the representatives of the different Boards and departments of Church work each speaker to be limited to fifteen minutes, unless requested by Synod to proceed.

The Appeal and Complaint of the Rev. S. S. Sheddan, D.D., and others, against the action of the Presbytery of Elizabeth in the Westfield Church case was presented and referred to the Judicial Committee.

Intelligence having been received of the death of the Rev. S. S. Sheddan, D.D., a member of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and pastor of the First Church of Rahway, it was

Resolved, That a committee of as many members as there are Presbyteries in the Synod be appointed to attend the funeral of Dr. Sheddan, in the city of Rahway, on Thursday next.

The following members of Synod were appointed as the committee under the foregoing resolution, viz:

Revs. George Sheldon, D.D., Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., J. M. Ogden, D.D., H. Hamill, D.D., F. Chandler, A. M. Jelly, J. H. McIlvaine, D.D., V. D. Reed, D D.

Subsequently Rev. W. T. Findley, D.D., was put upon this committee in place of Dr. J. H. McIlvaine, and Rev. L. C. Baker in place of Dr. V. D. Reed.

Resolved, That it be the Order of the day for 10½ o'clock this morning to hear the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they had attended to that duty, and had found the accounts correct as compared with the vouchers accompanying them, with a balance due the Treasurer of $4.61.

The committee also recommended the following assessments of Presbyteries for contingent expenses, viz.:

Presbytery of Elizabeth	Edward G Read	$32 00
" Jersey City	D. M. Stryker	$32 00
" Monmouth	E. B. Hodge	$32 00
" Morris and Orange	B. C. Meeker	$31 00
" Newark	Dr Findley	$42 00
" New Brunswick	Armstrong	$44 00
" Newton	Townsend	$32 00
" West Jersey	J. C. Baker	$31 00

The report and recommendation of the committee were adopted.

Resolved, That a Standing Committee on Enrollment, Excuses, and Leave of Absence be appointed, the chairman of which shall be known as the *Enrollment Clerk*, whose duty it shall be to occupy some convenient place at the church in which Synod meets, at least one hour before the time of meeting, and then and before take such measures as may secure an enrollment of the members in attendance.

This committee was appointed as follows: Rev. B. S. Everitt, *Chairman*, Rev. Alfred Yeomans, Rev. J. H. O'Brien.

Rev. D. Irving, D. D., by invitation, addressed the Synod in behalf of Foreign Missions.

Rev. S. M. Hamill, D.D., was added to the Judicial Committee.

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the Synod be held in one of the Presbyterian Churches in Orange, N. J., on the Third Tuesday of October, 1875, at 3 o'clock, P. M. The particular church to be named in due time by the committee of arrangements. Said committee to consist of the Pastors of the several Presbyterian Churches in Orange, together with one Ruling Elder from each Session.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, in

relation to Systematic Beneficence, was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Order of the day, which was the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, was taken up.

The report was read, accepted, and the further consideration of it was made the *third* order of the day for the afternoon session.

The second order of the day, which was the report of the Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion, was taken up.

The report was accepted and adopted. ~~(See Appendix.)~~

Synod spent half an hour in devotional exercises, after which a recess was taken until 2½ o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Synod re-assembled.

The first order of the day, which was the report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence, was taken up.

The report of the committee was read, accepted, and adopted. ~~(See Appendix.)~~

Rev. Henry R. Wilson, D.D., then addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Church Erection.

The Judicial Committee reported judicial case No. 1, which was the Appeal of Dr. William Gale from the decision of the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

The Committee reported the Appeal in order, and recommended that, because of its nature and both parties consenting, it be heard by a *Commission* appointed by the Synod, whose action in the case shall be final. The order of proceedings to be as prescribed by the Book of Discipline.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

The Judicial Commission to try the case of Dr. Gale was appointed as follows, viz : *Ministers*—Rev. A. Gosman, D.D., Rev. J. G. Symmes, Rev. A. Yeomans, Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D. *Ruling Elders*—Jeremiah Baker, J. G. Bowne, L. P. Stone.

Rev. Ravaud K. Rodgers, D.D., for many years Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Synod, presented his resignation of those offices, whereupon a committee consisting of Rev. J. C. Rankin, D.D., Rev. J. M. Ogden, D.D., and Rev. Lewis Bond was appointed to bring in a minute expressing the sentiments of Synod in relation to the resignation of Dr. Rodgers.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report upon the communication from the Secretary of the Board of Education, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

It appears from this communication that the amount designated by the Assembly for the work of this Board is $112,000. The Synod contains one-eleventh of the membership of the Church. Its wealth is, no doubt, in much greater proportion. In addition we have within our bounds the great educational institutions at Princeton, and the German Theological Seminary at Bloomfield. These institutions ought, it would seem, to exert a great influence in stimulating the Synod to greater exertions in this cause than are to be expected of others. One-eleventh of $112,000 is about $10,200, while the whole contribution to this cause by the Synod is less than $8,000, so that we fall short of our just proportion $2,200. A considerable number of our churches have not contributed to this cause at all. It cannot be ascertained precisely what this number is.

In view of these facts, the Synod earnestly recommends to the Presbyteries that they take such action as shall secure to the people of every congregation under their care an opportunity to contribute to this object. And to the Pastors and Elders who are members of this Synod, it is recommended that they give special attention to this contribution in their respective congregations, in order that this Synod may not fall short of its regular apportionment by the General Assembly, but may if posssible raise the amount to at least $12,000.

Rev. George Hale, D.D., addressed the Synod in relation to Ministerial Relief.

On motion of Dr. Hale,

Resolved, That the "Tabular Statement" presented in behalf of the Committee on the Relief Fund, showing what has been done for this cause within the past *four* years, be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, with instructions to report suitable resolutions touching the claims of the Relief Fund.

Rev. Charles T. Haley addressed the Synod in relation to the work among Freedmen:

Resolved, That the Synod is much impressed with the importance of the work among Freedmen, and hereby commends the Committee of the Assembly charged with this work to the sympathy, prayers and aid of the churches

Rev. Charles E. Knox, D.D., President of the German Theological Seminary at Bloomfield, addressed the Synod in relation to the condition and prospects of that institution and work among Germans:

Resolved, That the religious condition of the German population of the country is a matter both of alarm and hope; That we recognize the effort of the Presbytery of Newark to systematize the spiritual work of the Presbyterian Church among our German population through the Evangelical School of Newark, as a work of grave importance, requiring the separate special study which only such an institution can give; That we also recognize it as a work requiring special care and discretion; That the institution deserves the support of the Churches of the Synod, and we recommend at least a *Biennial* collection in the churches for the current expenses.

Mr. J. Bennet Tyler addressed the Synod concerning Sabbath-school work.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report, calling the attention of the Synod to the action of the Assembly upon the following subjects, viz.:

1. Temperance. See Assembly's Minutes, page 66.
2. Sabbath Observance. See Assembly's Minutes, pages 79 and 80.
3. Formation of Women's Mission Circles. See Assem's Min., page 80.
4. Responsive Service. See Assembly's Minutes, page 83.
5. Benevolence and Finance. See " " " 88 and 89.
6. Relation of Session and Trustees. See Assembly's Min., page 84.
7. Voluntary Societies. " " " " 164.
8. Week of Prayer, and Day of Prayer for Colleges. See Assembly's Minutes, page 90.

The report was accepted, and placed upon the docket.

The Committee appointed to bring in resolutions relating to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Synod of New Jersey has heard with great pleasure of the Women's work for Foreign Missions. Believing that these efforts tend to produce most happy results upon those who are engaged in them, spreading information upon this most important subject, and awakening a greater interest in it.

That by this agency a new power has been developed and exercised in the Church, and those who were already working have been stimulated to do more, and thus a great impetus has been given to the whole work. Therefore,

Resolved, That the attention of Pastors and Sessions be called to this important matter, and that all proper means be used to aid and stimulate the women in our various churches to persevere in this good work.

The records of the Presbyteries of Newton and Monmouth were approved.

Synod then took recess until 7½ o'clock.

After recess:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, as previously ordered; after which Synod adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, Oct. 22d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. John Woodbridge, D.D.

The minutes of the sessions of the previous day were read and approved.

Rev. J. T. Duffield, D.D., appeared in Synod, and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The records of the Presbytery of Newark were approved.

On motion of Rev. George Sheldon, D.D., it was

Resolved, That the printed minutes of the next Synod comprise a *roll* of Ministers belonging to this body, together with a *complete list of the*

Ruling Elders in our churches, with the Post Office address of each Minister and Elder.

Resolved, 2d, That the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries furnish lists of Elders to the Stated Clerk of the Synod prior to our next meeting, and that it be a *Standing Rule* of the Synod hereafter, that the Presbyteries revise the lists of Elders at their Fall meetings, and report alterations to be made, to the Stated Clerk of the Synod.

The Judicial Commission appointed to try the case of Dr. Wm. Gale reported their decision, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Judicial Commission appointed to try the case of Dr. Wm. Gale, vs. the Presbytery of Elizabeth, report that after a full and patient hearing of the case according to the directions of the Book of Discipline, their finding is, that the appeal be sustained on the ground of the irregularity of the proceedings in the Presbytery, which decided the case upon its merits without taking the steps prescribed in the Book of Discipline, Chapter VI, Section 3d, paragraph 8th.

They further recommend that the Presbytery use great care in excluding or receiving the plea of new evidence which the appellant makes in this case.

And, further, that the Appellant's case suffer no harm from his failure to prosecute his original appeal against the action of the Westfield Church, since it appears that in his delay and neglect he was guided by the advice of one more familiar with the law of the Church, and one who had united in trying and condemning him.

A. GOSMAN, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed to prepare and submit resolutions in relation to the resignation of Rev. R. K. Rodgers, D.D., as Stated Clerk and Treasurer, presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

"It is with profound regret that this Synod has heard the request of the Rev. R. K. Rodgers, D.D., to be released from the offices of Stated Clerk and Treasurer of this body. In the circumstances, and for the reasons he has assigned, Synod does not feel at liberty to decline granting his request, although we had fondly hoped to enjoy his services for a still longer period. Before accepting his resignation, however, we feel it due to ourselves and to him, to put on record our estimate of his long-continued, faithful, and efficient services.

For more than forty years he has been a member of this body, and during all that time, in the good providence of God, he has never failed

to be present, from the opening to the closing of every meeting, though the Synod has sometimes convened at distant places. For thirty-six years he has held the offices, and discharged the duties of Stated Clerk and Treasurer to the entire satisfaction of the Synod.

As a member and officer, his promptness, fidelity, and skill have contributed greatly to the rapid and orderly accomplishment of business, while his courtesy, Christian cordiality, and cheerfulness have endeared him to us in no ordinary degree. With gratitude for his long and useful life among us, and with assurances of our continued affection, and our prayers for his welfare, wherever his lot may be cast, we now accede to his request.

Resolved, 1*st*, That the resignation of Dr. Rodgers be accepted, to take effect at the close of the present sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, 2*d*, That the hearty thanks of the Synod are due, and are hereby tendered to Dr. Rodgers for the faithful and successful performance of the duties of his office.

Resolved, 3*d*, That the Rev. George Sheldon, D.D., the Rev. R. H. Richardson, D.D., the Rev. E. R. Craven, D.D., with ruling elders J. A. Anderson, Jeremiah Baker, and Dr. Thomas Ryerson, be a committee to provide some further testimonial, and report to the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, 4*th*, That when action upon this paper is complete, our beloved brother Rodgers and the Moderator be requested each to lead the Synod in prayer for a mutual blessing on him and on ourselves.

Resolved, 5*th*, That these resolutions be published in the "Presbyterian," "New York Evangelist," "New York Observer," and Somerset County papers.

Resolved, 6*th*. That nominations to fill the vacancy now created be made at the close of this morning's session, and that the election of Stated Clerk and Treasurer be the first order of the day for the afternoon session.

Upon the adoption of this paper, the Moderator led the Synod in prayer.

The unfinished business, which was the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, was taken up.

Resolved, 1*st*, That the Synodical Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions be continued.

Resolved, 2*d*, That said Committee be empowered and directed to appoint a Synodical Missionary for the ensuing year.

The report of the Committee was then adopted. ~~See Appendix~~ (Here insert Report Page 49)

The Standing Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions as now constituted is as follows, viz.:

Presbytery of Morris and Orange	Rev. R. Aikman,	*Chn.*,
" Elizabeth	" W. C. Roberts,	D.D.,
" Jersey City	" C. K. Imbrie,	D.D.,
" Monmouth	" A. H. Dashiell,	Jr.,
" Newark	" E. R. Craven,	D.D.,
" New Brunswick	" A. Gosman,	D.D.,
" Newton	" H. B. Scott,	
" West Jersey	" L. C. Baker.	

The records of the Presbyteries of Newark and Morris and Orange were approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, to which a statement concerning the Fund for Ministerial Relief had been referred, reported a resolution in relation to this fund, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That while reiterating former deliverances touching the claims of the Relief Fund, this Synod, in view of the embarrassments under which this cause is suffering, and the need of an additional supply of $73,500 to carry forward the work to the 1st of April, 1875, would earnestly recommend to the churches special efforts to increase the amount of their collections for the present year.

Concerning the proposal from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church to call a convention for the purpose of organizing a "National Christian Temperance Alliance," the committee on Bills and Overtures recommended, that the Synod, recognizing the great truth that all real reforms must proceed from and be carried on by the Church, and that Intemperance is the fruitful cause of most of the great crimes which are prevalent, most cordially concurs in the recommendation of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, that each branch of the Evangelical Church shall appoint delegates to attend a convention to take into consideration how the great evil of Intemperance may be abated and suppressed.

Resolved, That this Synod appoints as delegates to attend the convention to be called in furtherance of this object.

Ministers.—Rev. J. P. Wilson, D.D., and Rev. S. M. Hamill, D.D., *Principals.* Rev. J. A. French, and Rev. J. S. Van Dyke, *Alternates.*

Ruling Elders—H. N. Beach, Esq., Hon. John Hill.

The Judicial Committee reported Judicial Case, No. 2; the Appeal and Complaint of the Rev. S. S. Sheddan, D. D., and others, members of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, against the action of said Presbytery at a meeting held June 27th, 1874.

The Committee reported the case to be in order *as a Complaint*, and recommended that Synod proceed to issue it as such in the following manner, viz :

1. That the Complaint be read as setting forth the action complained of, together with the reasons of the complainants.
2. That the proceedings of the Presbytery relating to the case be read.
3. That the original parties be heard.
4. That the roll of Synod be called, and an opportunity be given to each member of Synod to express his opinion on the case.
5. That the final vote be taken whether to sustain or not sustain the complaint.

The Committee further reported that a paper referred to them relating to the same general matter they found to be in the form of an Appeal by Chauncey B. Ripley and F. A. Kinch in behalf of themselves and others, a minority of the congregation of Westfield. These persons appealed from the rulings, decisions, resolutions and proceedings of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, at a meeting held July 7th, 1874, and set forth their reasons in due form, accompanying the same with voluminous documents which the Committee had read and considered. The committee recommended—

1. That so much as constitutes the appeal, viz.: pages one to four, inclusive, be read before Synod as setting forth the action of the Presbytery and the reasons of the parties thereby aggrieved.
2. That the proceedings of the Presbytery, relating to the case, be read.
3. That the original parties, Chauncey B. Ripley and F. A. Kinch, for themselves and others, and the Presbytery of Elizabeth, be heard.
4. The original parties having been heard and withdrawn, that the roll of Synod be called, and an opportunity given to each member to express his opinion on the case.
5. That the final vote be taken whether to sustain or not sustain the appeal.

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Resolved, That the hearing of these judicial cases be the *second* order of the day for the afternoon session.

Nominations for Stated Clerk and Treasurer were made as follows, viz.:

Revs. B. C. Megie, E. W. French, G. S. Plumley, Chas. K. Imbrie, D.D., A. D. White, J. B. Davis.

Synod then spent half an hour in devotional exercises, at the close of which a recess was taken until $2\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

After recess:

Rev. Messrs. W. S. C. Webster, David Malin, D.D., and Henry L. Rex, of the Synod of Philadelphia, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Resolved, That the Presbyterian Annuity Company is well worthy of the confidence of our ministers and churches as an institution of great value and usefulness.

The first order of the day, which was the election of Stated Clerk and Treasurer, was taken up and resulted in the election of Rev. J. B. Davis.

The Committee appointed at a previous meeting of the Synod to secure a Legislative Enactment, enabling churches to hold property in the name of their Ordained Officers, reported progress, and was continued.

The reading of the Statistical Reports was dispensed with.

The Stated Clerk was directed to send the Statistical Report of the Synod to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

The records of the Presbytery of West Jersey were approved.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting of Synod to secure Legislative action in behalf of Deaf Mutes, presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

WHEREAS, The Synod of New Jersey at the annual mee ing held in Bloomfield, in October, 1871, appointed a committee to examine and report the moral and religious condition of the Deaf and Dumb of the State, which report was made at the succeeding meeting of Synod, at which time a committee was appointed to present the matter to the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, This action of Synod resulted in the appointment of a commission to investigate the condition of Deaf, Dumb, Blind and Feeble-Minded Persons, which commission repor'ed to the Legislature, leading to the appointment of a new commission to prepare and present to the Legislature at its next session a report of Plans and Sites for the erection of buildings for the care of the several classes of defectives referred to. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod gratefully acknowledges this just, prompt and humane legislation, and continues its Committee already appointed to complete the work so happily inaugurated.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was taken from the Docket and adopted.

Ordered, That the Janitor's bill be paid.

The Committee on the German Theological Seminary at Bloomfield presented a verbal report, which was accepted and adopted, and the Committee was continued to be constituted as follows, viz.: Revs. E. Kempshall, D.D., V. D. Reed, D.D., Chas. A. Aiken, D.D.

The *second* order of the day, which was the complaint of Rev. S. S. Sheddan, D.D., and others, vs. the Presbytery of Elizabeth, was taken up.

The Moderator solemnly announced from the chair that the Synod was about to pass to the consideration of Judicial business, and enjoined upon the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a high court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they were about to act. The consideration of the case was then proceeded with in the following order:

1. The complaint of Rev. S. S. Sheddan, D.D., and others against the action of the Presbytery of Elizabeth was read.

2. The record of the proceedings of the Presbytery, relating to the case were read.

3. The original parties were then heard until the hour for recess.

After the recess:

4. The consideration of the judicial case was resumed, and the committee appointed to defend the action of the Presbytery of Elizabeth was fully heard. The members of the inferior judicatory were also heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision.

5. The calling of the roll to give each member of Synod an opportunity to express his opinion on the case was commenced, pending which the Synod adjourned until Friday morning at 8½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 23D, 1874.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment at 8½ o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. K. Rodgers, D.D.

The minutes of the sessions of the preceding day were read and approved.

The unfinished business, which was the consideration of the complaint of Rev. S. S. Sheddan, D.D., and others against the Presbytery of Elizabeth, was taken up. The calling of the roll to give members of Synod an opportunity to express their opinion in the case, was continued and completed.

7. The final vote was then taken and the complaint was sustained.

Members voting *to sustain* the complaint.....	58
Members voting *not to sustain* the complaint.....	17

Rev. E. R. Craven, D D., Rev. S. M. Hamill, D.D., and Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., were appointed a committee to bring in a minute for the adoption of the judicatory, setting forth its decision and the grounds thereof.

The Appeal and Complaint of C. B. Ripley, F. A. Kinch, and others, against the action and decisions of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, was then taken up.

The Moderator enjoined upon the members of Synod to "recollect and regard their high character as judges," etc.

1. The papers setting forth the action of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and the grievances of the complainants were read.

2. The record of the proceedings of the Presbytery relating to the case were read.

3. Members of the Judicatory who had been requested by the appellants to aid them in conducting their case, were then heard, until the hour for devotional exercises had come. After prayer by Dr. Miller, it was

Resolved, That the order in regard to devotional exercises be suspended, and the consideration of the judicial case be continued for half an hour.

At this stage of the proceedings, it being understood that the committee appointed to bring in a minute relating to the complaint of Dr. Sheddan and others, was prepared to make a re-

port which, if adopted by the Synod, might supersede the necessity of further prosecuting the judicial case then pending, it was

Resolved, That the prosecution of the appeal and complaint of C. B. Ripley and others be arrested.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute to be adopted by the Judicatory setting forth its decision and the grounds thereof in the case of the complaint of Dr. Sheddan and others, presented their report, which was accepted.

The appellants in the case of C. B. Ripley and others, which related to the same matters of which Dr. Sheddan had complained, expressed their assent to this report as meeting their wishes in the matter, whereupon the report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Synod sustains the Complaint and the Appeal, the force of this judgment being not to reverse the action of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and declare the proceedings void, but the Synod judge that the Presbytery was irregular and unduly hasty in its action in the matter of the installation of the Rev. Mr. McKelvey, and in disregarding the rights and privileges of the minority of the congregation of Westfield, and also the opinion of the minority of the Presbytery.

In view of all the facts the Synod directs the Presbytery of Elizabeth to reconsider their action in the whole matter; and after giving a full hearing to the majority and minority of the congregation of Westfield, to determine whether the pastoral relation of the Rev. Mr. McKelvey to the church and congregation of Westfield shall be continued or dissolved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported an Overture from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange in regard to the constitution of the Synodical Committee of Systematic Beneficence. The Committee recommended that the overture be complied with so far as to add the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence of the Presbytery of Jersey City to the Synodical Committee.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

Resolved, That the Synodical Committee on Systematic Beneficence be authorized to appoint a member of the Synod to act upon the Assembly's Committee of Benevolence and Finance, as ordered by the late General Assembly.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Synod be and they are hereby tendered to the Pastor, Elders and Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Camden, for the use of their beautiful edifice for the sessions of the Synod; to the Committee on Entertainment, and the Citizens of Camden, whose generous and abundant hospitality the members of Synod have enjoyed during the sessions of the body in this city, and to the Directors of the various Ferry Companies, who have, without charge, tendered the use and privileges of their ferries between this city and Philadelphia.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that members of Synod had been excused as follows:

AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

Rev. J. H. Worcester.

AFTER WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. Aaron Peck.	Elder J. C. Magee.
Rev. J. D. Randolph.	" Chas. Brearley.
Rev. E. G. Reid.	" M. T. Baker.
Rev. G. L. Smith.	" Wm. P. Forman.
	Elder S. B. Smith.

AFTER WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Rev. R. S. Feagles.	Elder Samuel Burtis.
Rev. C. T. Haley.	" Aaron Padgett.
Rev. A. T. Graves.	" E. Bateman.
Rev. Thos. McCauley.	" D. H. Smith.
Rev. Eldridge Mix.	" Jeremiah Baker.

AFTER THURSDAY MORNING.

Rev. D. R. Foster.	Elders H. W Morehouse.
Rev. J. F. Stearns, D.D.	" M. Mulford.
Rev. C. S. Conkling.	" Dr. Rust.
Rev. W. T. Doubleday.	" S. H. Turner.
Rev. R. Taylor, D.D.	" A. Wortman.
Rev. A. Erdman.	" A. B. McCollum.
Rev. A. V. C. Johnson.	" A. Holmes.
Rev. D. H. Pierson.	" D. W. Crane.
Rev. A. A. Haines.	" A. W. Cook.
Rev. S. H. Hall, D D.	" J. C. Hines.
Rev. R. Julien.	" A. H. Stephens.

Rev. R. B. Foresman.
Rev. C. H. Asay.
Rev. Wm. Bannard, D.D.
Rev. Chas. A. Aiken, D.D.
Rev. C. C. Parker, D.D.
Rev. A. Ketcham.

Elders E Harris.
" C. D. Pierson.
" R. Craig.
" J. R. Woodruff.
" Wm. Carpenter.

Elders P. V. Servis.
" J. L. Condit.
" F. Hexamer.

AFTER THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. R. H. Richardson, D.D.
Rev. John S. Gilmore.
Rev. J. B. Kennedy.
Rev. R. S. Manning.
Rev. F. R. Brace.
Rev. S. A. Davenport.
Rev. Wm. Swan.
Rev. J. D. Hewit.
Rev. J. M. Guenther.
Rev. R. H. Davis.

Elders L. Boyden.
" Wm. A. Simmons.
" J. S. Van Mater.
" A. T. Freeman.
" L. P. Stone.
" J. W. Hageman.
" J. M. Barrett.

AFTER THURSDAY EVENING.

Rev. F. Kern.
Rev. W. H. Belden.
Rev. A. Yeomans.
Rev. J. G. Shinn.
Rev. A. M. Jelly.

Elders M. A. Peck.
" John Weed, M.D.
" J. Henry.
" T. R. Carter.

The report of the Committee was accepted and adopted.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in such church in Orange, N. J., as the Committee of Arrangements shall designate, on the third Tuesday of October, 1875, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and benediction.

J. B. DAVIS,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I.—STATISTICAL REPORTS.

I.—PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO.

Number of Members	5
" " Licentiates	2
" " Candidates	5

During the past year three of the brethren have returned home, viz.: Rev. J. D. B. Kops, Rev. S. L. Gillespie, Rev. S. H. Murphy.

By Order of Presbytery.

WM. SCHORSCH, *Stated Clerk.*

II. PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

The Presbytery of Elizabeth report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of fifty Ministers, and have under their care twenty-nine Churches, four Licentiates and four Candidates.

They further report that on the 4th of November they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Geo. C. Lucas with the church in Woodbridge. On the same day they received Mr. Wm. H. Roberts, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Washington City; and on the 5th of December ordained and installed him pastor of the church in Cranford. That on the 18th of February they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Charles A. Briggs with the church in Roselle. On the 23d of March, that of the Rev. Marcellus Bowen with the church in Springfield, and on the first of April that of the Rev. Edward H. Harvey with the church in Summit West.

Presbytery further report, that on the 21st of April they received the Rev. Spencer L. Finney from the Presbytery of New Brunswick; the Rev. John S. Beekman from the Presbytery of Neosho; the Rev. J. Alstyne Blauvelt from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and Mr. Wm. A. Lynch, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New York; that on the 5th of May they ordained Mr. Lynch and installed him pastor of the Siloam church in the city of Elizabeth; and on the 21st of the same month installed Rev. J. A. Blauvelt, pastor of the church in Roselle. That on the 25th of June they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Wm. J. Henderson with the church in Clarksville, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Westminster. That on the 27th of July they received the Rev. Alexander McKelvey from the North Classis of Long Island, and installed him pastor of the church in Westfield; and on the 3d of August they received the Rev. Joseph McNulty from the Presbytery of Jersey City, and on the 14th of the same month installed him pastor of the church in Woodbridge. That on the 6th of October they dismissed the Rev. Edward H. Harvey to the Presbytery of Lansing, and on the same day the Rev. Geo. C. Lucas; and the day following, the Rev. Charles A. Briggs to the Presbytery of New York.

Presbytery further report that on the 22d of May, the Rev. Orlando L. Kirtland departed this life in the seventy-third year of his age, and on the 18th inst. Rev. S. S. Sheddan, D.D., pastor of the First Church, Rahway, in the 64th year of his age. By Order of the Presbytery.

JOHN C. RANKIN, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

The Presbytery of Jersey City report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of Thirty-six (36) Ministers, and have under their care Twenty-six (26) Churches, One (1) Foreign Minister on Probation, three (3) Licentiates and two (2) Candidates.

They further report that they received:

I. THE LICENTIATES.

April 21, 1874. Mr. Edward C. Hood, from the Presbytery of N. Y.
Oct. 6, " " John P. Hale, " " " "
Oct. 7, " " August C. Stange, " " " Newark.

II. THE MINISTERS.

July 14, 1874. The Rev. John R. Fisher, from the Presbytery of Argyle. [United Presbyterian Church.]
Oct. 6, 1874. The Rev. John Reid, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

III. THAT THEY DISSOLVED THE PASTORAL RELATION.

April 21, 1874. Of the Rev. Hiram Eddy, D.D., to the 2d Church, Jersey City.
May 29, 1874. Of the Rev. I. B. Hopwood, to the Second Church, Patterson.
July 14, " " " R. R. Thompson, " Church of Weehawken.
June 11, " " " David Winters, " Third " "
" " " " " John Heberle, " Broadway German Church, of Patterson.

IV. THAT THEY INSTALLED.

July 14, 1874. The Rev. J. R. Fisher, Pastor of the Second Church, Jersey City.

V. THAT THEY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

Oct. 8, 1873. Mr. William Imbrie, Pastor of the Church of Lake View.
" 14, " " Lewis P. Stearns, Pastor of the Church of Norwood.

VI. THAT THEY ORDAINED AS EVANGELIST.

May 5, 1874. Mr. Edward C. Hood.

VII. THAT THEY LICENSED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

Jan. 13, 1874. Mr. William Hamilton Miller.

VIII. THAT THEY DISMISSED.

March 14, 1874. The Rev. E. R. Miller to the Presbytery of Japan.
May 29, " " " I. B. Hopwood, " " " Newark.
June 11, " " " David Winters, " " " Philadelphia.
July 27, " " " J. M. McNulty, " " " Elizabeth.
Aug. 8, " " " John Heberle, " " " West New York Classis, German Ref. Church.

IX. THAT THEY DISMISSED THE LICENTIATE.

Aug. 31, 1874. Mr. W. H. Miller to the Presbytery of Chester.

X. THAT THEY DISMISSED AND COMMENDED.

Oct. 6, 1874. The Church of Fort Lee to the Classis of Bergen.

Approved by the Presbytery, Oct. 7, 1874.

EDWARD W. FRENCH,
Stated Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Statistical Report.

Number of Members	41
" Churches	38
" Candidates	2

Nov. 25th, 1873.	Received Mr. James M. Denton, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Nassau.
"	Received Rev. George W. McMillan from the Presbytery of Osage.
"	Ordained and Installed Mr. James M. Denton as pastor of the church at Forked River.
Dec. 10th, 1873.	Installed Rev. Geo. W. McMillan as pastor of the church at Perrineville.
Jan. 5th, 1874.	Installed Rev. Rufus Taylor, D.D., as pastor of the church at Bordentown.
Mar. 13th, 1874.	Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. L. M. Colfelt to the church at Allentown, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.
Apr. 21st, 1874.	Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. John L. Kehoo to the church of Manalapan.
"	Received Rev. F. Reck Harbaugh from the Presbytery of Newton.
May 20th, 1874.	Installed Rev. F. R. Harbaugh as pastor of the church at Red Bank.
June 30th, 1874.	Received Rev. J. M. Anderson from the Presbytery of Newton, and installed him pastor of the church at Matawan.
Aug. 5th, 1874.	Dissolved the church of Fruitland.
"	Organized the church of Union.
Oct. 27th, 1873.	Rev. J. H. Kaufman, pastor of the church at Matawan, died aged 47 years.
Oct. 5th, 1874.	Rev. Samuel Howe, of Bricksburg, died aged 71 years.

By Order of Presbytery.

J. B. DAVIS, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of forty Ministers, and have under their care thirty-six Churches, three licentiates and five candidates.

They further report that on the 22d of October, 1873, they received the Rev. Frank P. Tompkins from the Presbytery of Carlisle; and Mr. A. V. C. Johnson, a licentiate of the New Haven Central Association; on the 6th of November they ordained Mr. Johnson and installed him pastor of the church of Chatham; and on the 26th of November installed Mr. Tomkins pastor of the church of Fairmount; on the 13th of Jan., 1874, they gave permission to the Rev. D. Kerr Freeman to resign his pastoral charge of the Second church of Mendham; and dismissed him and recommended him to the Presbytery of Luzerne. On the 11th of February they organized the German church of Morristown. On the 14th of April they received under their care Mr. Thomas Tyack, a licentiate of the Primitive Methodists, and on the same day they licensed Mr. Arthur Bruen to preach the gospel; also on the same day they received the Rev. James M. Hunting from the Presbytery of Nassau, and on the 13th of May installed him pastor of the Second church of Mendham. On May — they organized the church of Morris Plains; and on May 27th, organized the church of Minehill; on the 21st day of April they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. J. Alstyne Blauvelt to the church of German Valley; and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Elizabeth. On the 22d day of July they received under their care Mr. David E. Platter, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Portsmouth; and the same day ordained and installed him pastor of the church of Rockaway; on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. F. P. Tompkins to the church of Fairmount, and dismissed him to join the Congregational Association of Western New York; on Sept. 15th they dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. John Reed to the church of Lower Valley, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Jersey City. On the 16th of September they dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. A. J. Winterick to the German church of Orange; on the 22d of September they ordained Mr. Pearce Rodgers, a licentiate of this body, and the same day installed him pastor of the church of Minehill; on the same day they received Mr. Edward Payson Linnell, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Utica; and on the 8th day of October ordained him, and installed him pastor of the church of German Valley.

By order of the Presbytery.

B. C. MEGIE,

Dover, N. J., Oct. 13, 1874. *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

The Presbytery of Newark report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of forty-three Ministers, twenty-two Churches, six Licentiates, and sixteen Candidates.

They further report that, on the 5th of November, 1873, they dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. Charles E. Knox, D.D., to the church of Bloomfield,— that on the 12th of the same month they ordained Isaac B. Tenbrook, a licen-

tiate, as an evangelist,—that on the 10th of March, 1874, they dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. Oscar A. Kraft to the Third German Church of Newark, and dismissed him to the German Evangelical Synod of the West,—that on the same day they confirmed a certificate of dismissal, given by the Stated Clerk, Nov. 17th, 1873, to R. G. Williams, a licentiate, to the care of the Reformed Classis of New Brunswick,—that on April 22d, 1874, having learned that Rev. P. Harmegnies had connected himself with the Calvary Baptist Church of Albany, N. Y., they dropped his name from the roll,—that on the 26th of June, 1874, they received Rev. Isaiah B. Hopwood from the Presbytery of Jersey City and installed him as pastor of the Calvary church of Newark,—that on the 7th of July, 1874, they ordained Frederick B. Hanle and Adolph E. A. Wanderer, licentiates, as Evangelists, and licensed Julius Wolfe, August C. Stange, Henry Weber, John Richelsen, John Rudolph, Ludwig Ulmer, and Frederick E. Voegellin, and also, same date, dismissed George Locke, a licentiate, to the care of the Presbytery of Hudson, N. Y.—that on the 15th of July, 1874, they ordained and installed Wm. A. Nordt as pastor of the Second German Church of Newark, and at the same time ordained Julius Wolfe as an Evangelist,—that on the 1st of September, 1874, they received Rev. H. W. Ballentine from the Presbytery of Athens, Ohio, he having accepted a call to the pastorate of the Bloomfield church, and at the same time, they dismissed Rev. Edward H. Camp to the Presbytery of Cincinnati, Ohio, and also, on same day, Joseph Meredith was received as a candidate for the gospel ministry—that on the 6th of October, 1874, the pastoral relation of Rev. Wm. H. Morris to the Plane Street church, of Newark, was dissolved, and Rev. A. E. A. Wanderer was dismissed to the Presbytery of West Jersey, and Rev. Julius Wolfe was dismissed to the Presbytery of New York. Also August C. Stange, a licentiate, was dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of Jersey City.

By Order of Presbytery.

WM. T. FINDLEY,
Stated Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of fifty-five (55) Ministers and thirty (30) Churches, and have under their care thirteen (13) Licentiates, and twenty-five (25) Candidates.

They further report the following

MINISTERS RECEIVED.

Feb. 3, 1874. Rev. William A. McCorkle, D.D., from Presbytery of Boston.
" Rev. David M. Halliday, D.D., from Presbytery of West Chester.
April 14, 1874. Rev. William J. Holland from the Moravian church.
June 1, " " Henry C. Westwood, D.D., from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

They further report—

Feb. 23, 1874. The *organization* of the Fifth Presbyterian church, Trenton.
Oct. 29, 1873. The *ordination* of Mr. Charles H. Asay and his *installation* as pastor of Amwell 2d Church.
Feb. 3, 1874. The *dissolution* of the pastoral relation between Rev. John H. Scofield and Amwell 1st church, and
March 25th, his *installation* as pastor of Kingston Church.
Oct. 6, 1874, the *dissolution* of the pastoral relation between Rev. A. D. Lawrence Jewitt, D.D., and First church, New Brunswick.

They further report the *return* of the certificate of dismission of Rev. Elias S. Schenck to the Presbytery of West Jersey, and his *dismission* to the Presbytery of Northumberland, Feb. 4, 1874. Also the following

MINISTERS DISMISSED.

Oct. 29, 1873.	Rev. John M. Rogers	to Presbytery of	Philadelphia North.
April 15, 1874.	Rev. William J. Holland	"	Pittsburgh.
" " "	Spencer L. Finney	"	Elizabeth.
Sept. 22, " "	Henry C. Westwood, D.D.	"	Westminster.
Oct. 6, " "	Rev. George S Woodhull	"	Lake Superior.

Also, the *reception of the following students* of the Theological Seminary under their care as candidates.

Feb. 3, 1874. James Robinson by certificate from Presbytery of Logansport.
" " James Frazer, John A. Carmichael, Allen Bell, Dugald McNeil, Mark R. Rouse, Morgan Lane, Frederick Beale Duval, and C. P. Murray.
April 23, 1874. Theodore F. Negley.

Also the following

CANDIDATES DISMISSED.

Oct. 24, 1873.	F. Porter Dalrymple	to Presbytery of	Chicago.
April 25, 1874.	John J. Richards	"	Brockville, Canada.
Sept. 3, 1874.	Alexander B. Nicholson	"	Oregon.

Also the *licensure* of the following candidates:

Feb. 4, 1874. Thomas McCrea, William M. Martin, John R. Battisby.
April 15, " Leigh Richmond Smith, Robert J. Beattie, William H. Hubbard, Alfred H. Fahnestock.
April 23, 1874. Lewis H. Mayers.
Oct. 7, " Minot S. Morgan and James Chambers.

Also the *dismission* of the following *Licentiates.*

Nov. 10, 1873.	Horace C. Stanton	to Presbytery of	Albany.
March 25, 1874.	Thomas Parry	"	Kalamazoo.
May 13, "	William M. Martin	"	Durham, Canada.

Sept. 13.	1874.	Edward P. Hawes	Presbytery	Philadelphia North.
Sept. 28.	"	Lewis H. Mayers	"	West Jersey.
Oct. 3d.	"	Robert J. Beattie	"	Simcoe, Canada.

By Order of Presbytery.

A. L. ARMSTRONG,
Stated Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of forty-one (41) Ministers, and have under their care thirty-four (34) Churches, one (1) Licentiate and seven (7) Candidates.

They further report that they received

LICENTIATE.

April 22d, 1874. Mr. John Pollock, from the Presbytery of Wellsboro'.

MINISTERS.

Oct. 23d, 1873. Rev. John J. Carrell, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.
June 9th, 1874. Rev. William A. Holliday, from the Presbytery of North River.
Oct. 6th, 1874. Rev. James M. Maxwell, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.
Oct. 7th, " Rev. Uzal W. Condit, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

THAT THEY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED,

Oct. 28, 1873. Mr. Laurens T. Shuler, pastor of the Wantage First Church.
" " Mr. Edgar A. Hamilton, pastor of the Deckertown church.
June 9th, 1874. Mr. John Pollock, pastor of the Oxford First Church.

AND LICENSED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL,

June 9th, 1874. Mr. William K. Tully.

AND INSTLLAED,

Oct. 30th, 1873. Rev. William Thomson, pastor of the church of Stewartsville.
Nov. 18th, 1873. Rev. John P. Clarke, pastor of the churches of Danville and Mansfield Second.
June 25th, 1874. Rev. William A. Holliday, pastor of the church of Belvidere First.

THAT THEY DISSOLVED THE PASTORAL RELATION,

Feb. 19th, 1874. Of Rev. F. Reck Harbaugh and the church of Belvidere First.
April 22d, 1874 Of Rev. James M. Anderson " " " Second.
Sept. 7th, 1874. Of Rev. Theodore L. Byington and the church of Newton.

AND DISMISSED,

Feb. 19th, 1874. Rev. F. Reck Harbaugh to the Presbytery of Monmouth.
April 22d, " Rev. J. Kirby Davis to the Presbytery of New York.
April 21st, " Rev. Daniel F. Lockerby to the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central.

April 22d, 1874. Rev. James M. Anderson to the Presbytery of Monmouth.
April 22d, " Rev. Frederick Knighton, D.D., to the Presbytery of Monmouth.

THAT THEY DROPPED FROM THEIR ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY:

Oct. 7th, 1874. Mr. W. W. Goodrich.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Presbytery.

E. CLARKE CLINE,
Stated Clerk.

October 7th, 1874.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 40 Ministers, and have under their care 39 Churches and 3 Candidates.

They further report the following:

LICENTIATE RECEIVED.

October 7th, 1874. Henry L. Mayers, from Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS RECEIVED.

April 22d, 1874. Rev. T. S. Dewing, from the Presbytery of Northumberland.
Rev. J. Allen Maxwell, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.
Rev. Wm. T. Doubleday, from the North Litchfield Association (Cong'l.)
October 7th, 1874. Adolph A. E. Wanderer, from the Presbytery of Newark.
October 21st, 1874. Rev. N. L. Upham, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

PASTORAL RELATIONS CONSTITUTED.

Nov. 20th, 1873. Rev. James R. Campbell installed Pastor of the Church of May's Landing.
May 6th, 1874. Rev. Thomas S. Dewing installed Pastor of the Church of Cold Spring.
May 7th, 1874. Rev. J. Allen Maxwell installed Pastor of the First Church of Bridgeton.
October 15th, 1874. Mr. Henry L. Mayers, licentiate, ordained and installed Pastor of the Church of Millville.

PASTORAL RELATION DISSOLVED.

July 7th, 1874. Rev. James H. Clark with the 1st Church of Cedarville.

MINISTERS DISMISSED.

Dec. 29th, 1873. Rev. Sanders Diefendorf, D.D., to the Presb. of Wooster.
July 7th, 1874. Rev. James H. Clark to the Presb. of Lackawanna.

REMOVED BY DEATH.

November 26th, 1873. Rev. Joseph D. Wilson, Pastor of the 1st Church of Millville.

April 22d, 1874. In order to the incorporation of Presbytery, the following persons were chosen to serve as a Presbyterial Board of Trustees:

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
A. H. Brown (President),	H. B. Ware,
L. C. Baker,	J. D. Reinboth,
J. A. Maxwell,	C. Stevenson,
V. D. Reed, D. D.,	H. B. Lupton,
G. H. Campbell,	G. S. Woodhull.

By order of Presbytery.

EDWARD P. SHIELDS,
Stated Clerk.

II.—NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Within the Bounds of the Synod of New Jersey, for the year ending October 20th, 1874.

Your Committee, in presenting to the Synod the Narrative of the State of Religion in its bounds during the past Synodical year, would respectfully report, that they have received official intelligence from all the Presbyteries with the exception of Corisco.

It is, however, matter of regret that the reports of some of the Presbyteries are so meagre in details, particularly as intimation is given that several of the churches under their charge have been specially blessed.

In a general survey of our work from year to year, there must of necessity be much sameness. Still, there are interesting and important particulars to note, while it is well to know that the outlook in general is so encouraging, although there may not have been, during the past twelvemonth, a signal outpouring of the Spirit on every church.

From a careful perusal of the narratives before us, we gather much that is hopeful—much to evoke our warmest gratitude.

The attendance upon divine service on the Lord's Day is steadily increasing, and continual proof is given that God is honoring the preaching of His Word. The gospel has been proclaimed in its purity and simplicity. None have substituted the wisdom of man for the wisdom of God.

The weekly services for prayer, so far as we have learned, have been well sustained, and in some instances there has been marked progress. This is very noticeable in the Presbytery of Newton, where the Spirit of grace and supplication seems to have descended upon several of the congregations in great power.

An interest is evinced throughout our bounds in the Sabbath-school work, to a degree unknown before. The relation of the Sabbath-school to the Church, and the responsibility of pastors and sessions for the proper regulation and due development of this most important means of Church progress, are coming to be more generally understood. The holding of Sabbath-school Institutes, and the use of the International Series of Scriptural Lessons, have proven to be highly beneficial. God has given the seal of His blessing during the past year in the conversion of many of our youth.

While there is a more diligent study of the Bible, there is also more earnest prayer and labor, that the many thousands of our youth thus instructed may be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. The increased attention given to the study of the Scriptures is a token of better things to come.

In some of our larger cities and towns Mission schools have become a very important part of Church work. To this effect, the Presbytery of Newark reports, when it says: "The most encouraging results, perhaps, of all our Church work have come from our mission schools, especially where these have been united with the home schools, or where they have been carried on as the commencement of new church organizations."

This Presbytery further says: "In the German Theological School under the care of the Presbytery, we have the best reasons for encouragement. In this young institution the first class of eight young men were graduated, all of whom are now at work, and several of them as settled pastors. The full endowment and equipment of this institution is one of the great interests of the Church in all this region."

The wisdom of the Synod in appointing a Synodical Missionary is seen in the fact, reported by the Presbytery of West Jersey, that pastors or stated supplies have been secured, in large measure through his zealous labors, for *all* the vacant churches and missionary fields within their bounds.

In that Presbytery, "The churches of Williamstown and Woodstown, also a group of three churches under one pastoral charge, Wenonah, Glassboro', and Bunker Hill, have determined henceforth to be self-sustaining." At Haddonfield, in the same Presbytery, a convenient church building is in process of erection.

In the Presbytery of Newton four churches have liquidated their debts, and inaugurated measures for remodelling their houses of worship.

The church at Pennington, in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, which lost its spacious edifice by fire last winter, is now erecting on its ruins one still more substantial and commodious.

In the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, a church has been dedicated at Stirling, free from debt.

The Presbytery of Newark reports that, "One new and expensive church building in a desirable location has been happily completed and dedicated. Another is building and will be completed next year."

In the Presbytery of Monmouth, new edifices have been dedicated at Beverly and Delanco.

The cause of Church Extension has been well favored during the past year in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, churches having been organized at Mine-Hill and at Morris Plains, and a German Church at Morristown.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick has added to its rolls the Fifth Church of Trenton, which has grown out of a Mission school of many years' standing.

"New and promising fields are open in the Presbytery of Monmouth at Riverton and Whiting."

The importance of systematic beneficence is more and more recognized by our churches. Gratifying intelligence to this effect comes to us from all the Presbyteries. Notwithstanding the pecuniary distress which must inevitably diminish, to some extent, our benevolent contributions, it is cause for thankfulness to know that the diminution will not be excessive.

The missionary spirit has been much stimulated by the noble efforts of the ladies in forming societies auxiliary to our Board of Foreign Missions.

A number of churches are supporting each a missionary in a foreign land, besides contributing regularly to our several boards.

At this point we may mention, that a beloved brother, the Rev. Theodore L. Byington, has resigned his charge at Newton, where his labors were so much blessed, especially in inciting the people to still larger contributions to the

cause of Missions, and has returned to his former work in Turkey as a missionary among the Bulgarians.

Nor are our home wants neglected, Especially is this manifest in the Presbytery of Jersey City, some of whose churches are doing in this respect a noble work.

Bergen First, Englewood, and Hoboken First have each a salaried female missionary. "These female missionaries lead the work in Mothers' prayer-meetings, in Helping-hand societies, in Industrial Schools, in reporting the worthy poor, and in visiting from house to house, so that they give a great stimulus to Christians, a rebuke to sin, and great blessings to all classes."

It is evident from the several narratives, that the cause of Temperance has recently received a fresh impulse. Christians are having a more lively sense of its importance, and of their dependence on God in the removal of the gigantic evil of intemperance from our land.

It is time, however, that we bring to your attention the special tokens of God's favor in reviving so many of our churches.

In the Presbytery of Elizabeth, though no particular mention is made of it in their narrative, we learn from other sources that showers of blessing have refreshed and gladdened the hearts of God's people, and many souls have, in consequence, been born again in the churches of the city of Elizabeth, Basking-bridge, Crawford, Metuchin, Liberty Corner, Perth Amboy, and Second Rahway.

The Presbytery of Jersey City reports, that the First Church of Paterson has received on profession of their faith thirty-six persons, of whom twenty-six were from the Sabbath-school; Bergen First, twenty-six, of whom nineteen were from the Sabbath-school; Hoboken First, sixteen.

The Presbytery of Monmouth, without giving any details, simply reports that the following churches have been specially revived, viz.; Tennent, Plumstead, Beverly, Delanco, Riverton, Columbus, Red Bank, Toms River, Farmingdale, Jamesburg, and Holmanville, and that to the last two mentioned there have been unusually large additions.

From the narrative of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange we make this extract: "In certain of the churches—the two at Morristown and the churches of New Vernon, Mendham, Dover, Hanover, Pleasant Grove, Whippany, and Morris Plains, the good work of the Lord has been specially marked and powerful."

In the Presbytery of Newark there has been an increased religious interest in all the churches. "The union prayer meeting held alternately in the several churches of Newark in which the Reformed, Methodist and Baptist brethren, and the beloved rector of Trinity Episcopal Church united, was of marked interest and power, and nothing but good seemed to result from the meeting together of these different denominations. The special object of prayer in all these meetings was the outpouring of the Spirit. The spiritual unity of the Church was probably more fully represented and realized than it ever before had been in this city. Perhaps it was in consequence of this, that in almost all

the churches the ingatherings from the world were much larger than they had been for several preceding years."

The Presbytery of New Brunswick also has not been without special indications of the presence of the Lord. The church at Dutch Neck has received into the communion fifteen from the world. The Stockton Church has been in a like manner strengthened. Seventeen persons have united with the First Church of Princeton on profession, and twenty with the Second Church of New Brunswick. The church in Flemington mentions thirty souls as the fruits of a precious revival. The church at Lambertville rejoices in one of the most copious outpourings of the Spirit in its history, as the result of which the energies of its members have been developed more than ever before, while more than ninety have been, as we trust, hopefully converted, and admitted to the communion. Of this large number, fifteen were Germans, six of them heads of families, and for months past a prayer-meeting of great interest has been conducted by them in their native language, the happy influence of which meeting cannot fail to be felt by others of their countrymen.

The Presbytery of Newton has special cause for gratitude. "Four hundred and fifty members have been added during the last year. The vast majority of these are connected with ten churches. The church of Asbury has received more members by profession of faith than during the last eight years, its roll having been increased by twenty-three per cent. The church of Phillipsburgh has added more than one hundred members to its communion roll. The churches of Hackettstown, Stanhope, Newton, Blairstown, Deckertown, and First Mansfield, have been signally blessed." In connection with the work in First Mansfield there is an interesting account of the conversion of an aged man, who for more than fifty years had been an avowed and unflinching infidel.

The Presbytery of West Jersey reports to us in these words; "The very recently revived church at Swedesboro, where they have preaching both in German and English, has been increased by the addition of twenty-five; twelve were added to Greenwich; ten to Second Bridgeton; fourteen to Williamstown; fifteen to Salem; and thirty-four to Vineland. Three of our churches, Fislerville, Second Camden, and First Camden, speak of a special work of grace

The work at Fislerville began on the evening of the day of prayer for colleges, and as a result twenty-five on profession, including heads of families and children, were received. To the Second Church of Camden twenty-three—mostly from the Sabbath-school, were added. The First Church of Camden reports that in the months of April and May especially, the Holy Spirit was manifestly in their midst, reviving God's people and inciting them to earnest prayer and labor. With God's blessing on the faithful exposition of His word, fifty were added to the church on profession. Many of these were from the Sabbath-school."

In this retrospect of the past year's work there is much to cheer our hearts. Truly may we say, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." May it not be the pledge of a still larger ingathering?

As the financial distress of 1857 was followed by the remarkable revival of 1858, may we not confidently expect that like results will attend the present financial revulsion ?

With true faith and holy courage we should say, "In the name of our God we will set up our banners." For "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth."

Since the last annual meeting, four members of this Synod have been removed by death, viz.: the Rev. J. H. Kauffman, the Rev. Orlando L. Kirtland, the Rev. Samuel Howe, and the Rev. S. S. Sheddan, D.D.

Mr. Kauffman, after graduating from the Theological Seminary at Princeton in 1853, was employed in the Sunday-school cause for six months in the city of New York. In October of the same year he settled as a pastor in Baltimore. In November, 1860, he removed to Georgia and labored there until the spring of 1865, when he accepted a call to the church of Govanstown, Maryland. In May, 1871, he became pastor of the church at Matawan, in the Presbytery of Monmouth, in which charge he continued until his decease, October 27th, 1873.

Although his health had been failing for some time, his death was unexpected. He was stricken with apoplexy during the public service on the Sabbath, and while in the act of reading a hymn. Continuing in a state of unconsciousness, he died on the evening of the following day.

He was very successful as a pastor, attracting all classes by his Christian urbanity and courtesy, and ever manifesting the warmest sympathy for the people of his charge in their sorrows and trials. "His soul seemed to be in his work," and he was unceasing in his efforts in doing good.

Concerning Mr. Kirtland but few facts have been communicated to us. At the time of his death he was in the seventy-third year of his age. He was pastor successively of the First Church of Morristown, of the Second Church of Norristown, and of the church at Springfield. "He was a good man who did his work well and departed in peace."

Of the Rev. Samuel Howe, all that is reported to us is, "That he had retired for some years from active work, that he resided at Bricksburg, and died there very peacefully on the 5th of October, 1874, aged seventy-three years."

The Rev. Dr. S. S Sheddan died in Rahway on the 18th of October, 1874. He was born in Northumberland County, Pa., on the 13th day of September, 1810. He graduated at Jefferson College in 1832, and after studying theology at Princeton was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Northumberland, in the bounds of which he labored during the early years of his ministry as pastor of the churches of Williamsport, Muncy and Warrior Run. He was subsequently called to the pastorate of the First Church of Rahway, in which he continued until his death, a period of twenty-two years. He had but lately passed the fortieth anniversary of his entrance into the ministry. He was an earnest, forcible and attractive preacher, successful in winning souls to Christ, and in urging Christians to greater zeal and devotion.

He was especially active and punctual in all Presbyterial and Synodical duties, and was always listened to with attention and respect. He died in the full triumphs of Christian faith, longing to be with his blessed Lord. We sorrow indeed that we shall see his face no more.

In the Presbytery of New Brunswick four ruling elders, who had long served the Church, have also been called to their reward. "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Let us give heed to the Apostolic exhortation: "Be ye therefore followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

J. M. MACDONALD, *Moderator.*

J. B. DAVIS, *Stated Clerk.*

III.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence respectfully report: That they held no meeting last spring, nor sent any recommendation to the Presbyteries, as has been usual, respecting the amount to be raised for the Boards of the Church during the current year, for the reason that it was in contemplation at that time to bring the whole subject of the Boards of the Church before the General Assembly with a view to the possible consolidation of some of them; and your Committee judged it unwise to make any recommendation while this possible change was pending. Since the meeting of the Assembly, the Committee held a meeting in the Third Church, Newark, on Tuesday, June 30th, 1874, and agreed to recommend to the churches under the care of Synod to raise for the Boards a sum equal in the aggregate to *four dollars per member*, and to distribute the same according to the Schedule adopted by the last General Assembly.

In reference to the resolution passed by the Synod last October, enjoining it upon every church to give opportunity for a yearly collection to each of the Boards of the Church, your Committee report that notice has been forwarded by only one Presbytery as to the delinquent churches; and your Committee, on whom it was made imperative to ascertain and report the names of such churches, have no resort but to point out the blanks that appear in the Minutes of the last Assembly. This may not indeed be an entirely reliable record as to the exact degree of fidelity exercised by the churches in this matter, but it is a close approximation to it.

According to these Minutes, the churches which have not given to all the Boards are as follows:

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

The churches of this Presbytery have contributed to all the Boards except—

	OMITTED
Plainfield Second	1
Woodbridge	6
Siloam	4

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

The churches of this Presbytery have contributed to all the Boards except—

	OMITTED		OMITTED
Hackensack	2	Carlstadt (German)	7
Jersey City Third	1	Paterson, Broadway (German)	7
Newfoundland	3	Lake View	7
West Milford	all	Norwood	1
Weehawken	2	Jersey City Second	3
West Hoboken	2	Claremont	5
Paterson	2	Passaic (German Evangelical)	all
Passaic	2	Fort Lee	all

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

The churches of this Presbytery have contributed to all the Boards except—

	OMITTED		OMITTED
Manchester	1	Beverly	5
Red Bank	6	Forked River	6
Freehold First	2	Fruitland	all
Manalapan	1	Providence	6
Perrineville	6	Mattawan	4
Delanco	2	Mount Holly	1
Fairview	2		

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

The churches of this Presbytery have contributed to all the Boards except—

	OMITTED		OMITTED
Mount Freedom	3	Chatham	3
Orange (German)	4	Fairmount	all
Flanders	4	Myersville	5
Orange Bethel	4	Berkshire Valley	all
Dover (Welsh)	all	Morristown (German)	all
Mount Olive	4	Rockaway	all
Lower Valley	2	Sterling	all

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

The churches in this Presbytery have contributed to all the Boards except—

	OMITTED		OMITTED
Bloomfield, Westminster	3	Caldwell	1
Newark, High St	1	Lyons Farms	6
Newark Third	1	Woodside	5
Mont Clair	1	Bloomfield (German)	5
Newark (German) First	1	Newark Sixth	4
Newark, Wickliffe	3	Newark (Plane St.)	6
Roseville	1	Newark (German Second)	6

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

The churches in this Presbytery have contributed to all the Boards except—

	OMITTED		OMITTED
Stillwater	1	Marksboro	2
Swartzwood	4	Branchville	1
Hacketsttown	1	Wantage First	6
Sparta	2	Deckertown	2
Wantage Second	all	Oxford First	5
Danville	5	Belvidere Second	1
Mansfield Second	4	Knowlton	all
Belvidere First	3	Hope	all
Greenwich	1		

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The churches in this Presbytery have contributed to all the Boards except—

	OMITTED		OMITTED
Kingwood	5	Trenton Second	2
Trenton Fifth	all	Amwell Second	5
Lawrence	1	Amwell First	2
Milford	2		

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

The churches in this Presbytery have contributed to all the Boards except—

	OMITTED		OMITTED
Camden First	1	Bunker Hill	4
Woodbury	2	Fairfield	2
Vineland	4	Tuckahoe	7
Waterford	7	Swedesboro	all
Atco	6	Hammondton	7
Berlin	6	Brainerd	all
Cedarville Second	1	Somers Point	all
Gloucester City	4	Leeds Point	all
Haddonfield	all	Atlantic City	all
Greenwich	1	Merchantville	all
Wenonah	3	Millville	1
Glassborough	4		

PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO.

This Presbytery has three churches, and each of these churches has contributed to ALL the Boards,—a noble example to the rest.

From this table it will be seen—

1st. That out of 254 churches in the Synod, only 22 have neglected altogether to take up any contributions for the Boards at all: that 6 have omitted seven of the Boards: 10 have omitted six of the Boards: 10 have omitted five of the Boards. 13 have omitted four of the Boards: all the rest taking collections for more than half the Boards.

2d. That of the 254 churches, 146 have taken collections for all the Boards. And that 21 others have omitted only one Board out of the eight.

3d. That the churches largely delinquent are, in the great majority of instances feeble or newly organized ones.

4th. That a very manifest effort is making by some even of the feeble churches in the Synod to take up collections; and in *some* such instances a little is reported as having been given to every one of the Boards.

5th. Even among our German churches, which are generally quite feeble, there are in some instances plain indications of a determination to form and establish the habit of regular contributions to the benevolent schemes of the Church.

The Committee would further report that it seems to be impossible to get from the Presbyteries, as it was hoped (and as it was ordered in the resolutions adopted

last year), an exact statement of the various sums contributed by the churches to the Boards, and also to other objects of benevolence; so as, if possible, to harmonize in some satisfactory degree the varying reports given by the Minutes of the Assembly and by the Boards themselves. The Committee have therefore confined themselves altogether, this year, to the reports given by the *Boards* in making out the averages of benevolent contributions. The Committee on Ministerial Relief is, as usual, the only exception. This is taken from the Assembly's Minutes, as there are no other data on which to make a report.

The contributions for the past year stand as follows:

1. The average per communicant (after deducting one-tenth of the number reported in the Minutes) given by the Presbyteries to ALL the Boards, is as follows:—

Corisco	$0.98
Elizabeth	3.43
Jersey City	2.74
Monmouth	1.57
Morris and Orange	4.54
Newark	3.97
New Brunswick	3.15
Newton	2.25
West Jersey	2.02

2. The average of the *Synod as a whole* to *all the Boards* is $3.12 instead of $4.00 as recommended.

3. The average per communicant of the Synod as a whole to the *separate* Boards is as follows:—

To Foreign Missions	$1.31
Home Missions	.77
Education	.19
Publication	.13
Church Erection	.27
Ministerial Relief	.22
Freedmen	.12
Sustentation	.11

4. The *sums* contributed by the Synod as a whole to each of the Boards is as follows:—

To Foreign Missions	$56,787.00
Home Missions	25,456.00
Education	7,076.00
Publication	4,773.00
Church Erection	9,839.00
Ministerial Relief	8,088.00
Freedmen	4,604.00
Sustentation	3,936.00
Aggregate	$120,559.00

It will be seen that this is a tolerable approximation to the rate of $4. per member for the whole Synod, which was the sum requested in last year's report. Indeed, when it is added that quite a number from churches contributed up to the 1st of May, 1874, through the General Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and that these donations are not, in a number of cases, included in the amounts reckoned above, it is probable that the amount actually raised for the Boards has much more nearly equalled the average of $4. per member, which was requested. And remembering, too, that the year past has been one of great financial embarrassment, certainly the churches are to be commended for attaining this point of increase. It is hoped that next year they may even surpass the $4. per member proposed.

Particular mention ought to be made of the donations by the *children in Sabbath Schools*, and also of those by the various Women's Missionary Societies. As to the latter, the good work goes on very encouragingly. And as to the *former*, enough is shown by the children's donations to the Board of Foreign Missions how important an element these Sabbath School offerings have already become in raising funds for our objects of benevolence. The Board of Foreign Missions is the only one in which the gifts of the children are separately noted. The donations by children and Sabbath Schools to this cause alone have amounted *throughout the Church at large* to no less than $27,901 00—of which sum $4,324 00 were contributed by the youth of our own Synod—divided as follows:—

Presbytery of Elizabeth	$626 00
Jersey City	206 00
Monmouth	328 00
Morris and Orange	1,252 00
Newark	348 00
New Brunswick	475 00
Newton	613 00
West Jersey	476 00
	$4,324 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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IV.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION AND HOME MISSIONS.

In giving a summary of the work of Church Extension and Home Missions within our bounds for another year, your Committee would earnestly call the attention of the Synod to some statistics and important facts carefully collated by the former Chairman of the committee, and printed in your minutes of 1873 as part of the Committee's report.

We believe the considerations there adduced have had weight. In the midst of financial embarrassments, the churches of the Synod of New Jersey have not been unmindful of their trust, but have done a good work within these boundaries of our ancient inheritance, during the year which closes with this meeting of the Synod.

The following are the reports from the different Presbyteries:

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

This Presbytery reports: Though we have organized no new churches, our old ones have advanced. At Delaware, on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, a church has been erected at a cost of about $6,000. Several years ago, the church at Hackettstown erected a large, *new* and beautiful building. They have now remodelled and made large additions to their *old* church, at a cost of about $9,000. This building, supplied with all modern conveniences for Sabbath-school and social meetings, was opened and dedicated on the 15th of October. The church at Yellow Frame has repaired and improved its building; also First Oxford Church at a cost of $1,000. The churches of Stanhope and Lafayette, formerly on the Sustentation Fund, have resolved to sustain themselves. Montana Church, also the united churches of Knowlton, Hope and Delaware have been recommended to the Board of Home Missions.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

During the past year, the main work of this Presbytery, through its Church Extension Committee, has been in developing the churches previously organized. In the midst of the present financial difficulties, this has been a work of unusual labor and care; but it has been thus far successful, and the Presbytery expect, with the divine blessing, to carry them all safely through into brighter times. One new and hopeful enterprise has been inaugurated at Dundee, a manufacturing place near Passaic, growing with rapidity and regarded as an important and promising station. The Dundee Manufacturing Company have set aside valuable land and built a beautiful chapel, with accommodations for about five hundred persons. This property has been put in charge of the Presbytery, and Rev. E. C. Hood is preaching and laboring there with great success. Whenever a church is well organized there, the Company will deed the chapel and the land to the Presbytery subject to a mortgage of only three or four thousand dollars, which is considered an exceedingly advantageous offer.

MORRIS AND ORANGE.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange expends upon its Home Mission fields about $2,000 yearly. Since the last meeting of the Synod, the Bethel Church of Orange has become self-supporting. The Presbytery appropriated $600 annually to it for several years; it has now entered upon an independent life, with a handsome chapel and a parsonage, both free from debt.

The German Church of Orange has upon it a mortgage debt of $5,000, the interest of which the Presbytery have for two years assumed, and they add $250 to the salary paid by the people to the pastor. This church occupies a very important position and has in it great promise of reward; but, like most of our German Churches, must struggle for awhile with difficulty. The German church at Myersville, and the recently organized German church at Morristown, have been supplied with preaching and pastoral care during the year, aided to the amount of $200 each by the Presbytery.

Churches have been organized at Stirling and Morris Plains, under circumstances, as the Presbytery believe, of much promise. The former has a very tasteful and commodious chapel, completed and entirely free from debt. The latter church, at Morris Plains, has no edifice as yet, it being but a few months old, but is busy laying plans for the future.

A very interesting work of Church Extension has been carried on by the church of East Orange, in a neighborhood called Elmwood. There, in a community greatly needing spiritual influences, a commodious chapel has been erected, furnished and paid for: the ground having been donated for this purpose. A preaching service, Sabbath-school, Industrial school, and weekly prayer-meeting are maintained there. The pastor says there is a deepening religious interest in Elmwood, and that no part of his work is more hopeful of spiritual results.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

No Report.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

Since the last report of the Presbytery of Elizabeth to Synod, the membership within our bounds has increased to 5,725, the number of churches remaining the same, viz.: twenty-nine. Of the five new enterprises under the care of our Committee on Church Extension, two are deserving of special mention, the mission in Rahway, under the auspices of the Second Church of that city, and the mission in Elizabeth, under the auspices of Westminster Church. It is expected that but a comparatively short time will elapse before both these enterprises develop into self-supporting churches. The increase of population in this Presbytery, especially in Union county, is very rapid, but we are led, by the record of the past eight years, to believe that however rapid such increase may be, and however great the needed resulting Christian effort, the energy and zeal of our pastors and members will more than supply every need, and meet every demand.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick lies in a region which does not yet feel in any considerable degree the influx of population from the overflow of the large cities. Neither has it, strictly speaking, any missionary ground. Its Church Extension, therefore, must be mainly through the natural and steady growth of the community.

It has organized one new church within the last year, and is looking forward to the organization of another, both located in the city of Trenton, and both of which, it is believed, will be vigorous churches without materially crippling those now in existence.

The Presbytery is thoroughly cultivating the ground which God has given it, and through outside preaching places, is preparing the way for future churches, when the state of things will justify their formation.

Since the last meeting of the Synod, the Presbytery of New Brunswick has, under the general Act of Incorporation of New Jersey, elected a Board of Trustees and become incorporated as a body capable of holding and managing property.

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

The Presbytery of Monmouth covers a larger geographical area than any other Presbytery in the State, has a great number of feeble churches, and struggles with severe difficulties. Of its thirty-seven churches, only fifteen are self-supporting. Two, during the present year,—Cream Ridge and South Amboy —moved by the condition of the Board of Home Missions and the self-denial of their pastors, have declined further aid.

On the line of the New Jersey Southern Railroad, a church of fifteen members has been organized as the result of the Summer's labors of a Theological student in an exceedingly destitute region, which yet has great promise of growth. Four stations compose the field of this church. More than one hundred and fifty children have there been gathered into Sunday-schools, and half of the expense of the labors of the missionary were defrayed by the people in the field.

A great deal of missionary labor is done by the pastors and stated supplies in this Presbytery, but the work of oversight and care is so great and needful to be done, that Monmouth Presbytery alone could employ the labors of a Missionary Superintendent, give him more work to do than he could put his hands unto with great spiritual harvests for his reward.

The elegant buildings of the Freehold Church are now completed. The church was dedicated April 10th, 1873, and the chapel on September 3d of this year. The cost, including lot and furniture, is nearly $75,000. A church at Delanco (the house alone cost $3,100), erected under the labors of Rev. M. L. Hofford, was dedicated August 9th. He has extended his work to Riverton, and with occasional help, maintained a Sabbath evening service in a commodious school-house. Here a Board of Trustees was organized July 18th, and they now seek ground on which to erect a building.

This Presbytery also has elected Trustees and become incorporated under the general law. The extraordinary work of grace at Holmanville, Ocean county,

increasing the membership from thirty-six to ninety-two, encourages us to persevere in efforts to establish Presbyterian Churches in sparsely settled regions.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

The work of Home Missions in the West Jersey Presbytery has been prosecuted during the year with vigor and success. This Presbytery is next in area to Monmouth, and is not dissimilar to it in its great missionary needs.

Its work during the year has been to conserve and strengthen the feeble churches, by supplying them with regular gospel ministrations, and wise counsel in the conduct of their affairs. Its vacancies have been supplied, and at two important points, preaching has been maintained, and spiritual labor from house to house, by the employment of theological students in their vacation.

There are about twenty mission churches and stations in this Presbytery, all of which have been supplied regularly during the summer, while one church has been saved from disruption by timely interposition and careful Christian counsel.

The Mission and Church Extension work in this large Presbytery is so great and pressing that the labors of a Missionary Superintendent, who could give his whole time to this field, would be richly recompensed. This Presbytery has also, during the year, elected Trustees and become an incorporated body under the law of the State.

The churches of Williamstown and Woodstown, recently aided by the Sustentation Fund, have resolved to sustain their pastors without further aid, and the united churches, Glassborough, Bunker Hill, and Wenonah, voluntarily cease to draw from the Home Missionary treasury. By this action, the benevolent funds are relieved to the amount of $950. The church at Haddonfield has enclosed its main edifice and dedicated its beautiful chapel.

REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY.

At the meeting of the Synod held in Washington, Warren Co., last year, the Committee of Church Extension was authorized and directed to appoint a Synodical Missionary whenever, in its judgment, the way seemed clear for his support.

At the first meeting of the committee this topic came up for careful attention; the need of such an agency was fully recognized, and the members agreed to consult with brethren and to report at a subsequent meeting whether it would be safe to undertake the support of such a missionary.

At the second meeting of the Committee, in January, after three months of delay and deliberation, all the members of the Committee being present, it was unanimously resolved to make the appointment, the Chairman of each Presbyterial Committee agreeing to secure, if possible, the proper proportion of the necessary funds from the churches of his own Presbytery. The Rev. Allen H. Brown, of the Presbytery of West Jersey, received the appointment, and his salary was fixed at $1,500 per annum, with provision for traveling expenses, not to exceed $500, in addition.

While the field of the newly-appointed Synodical Missionary nominally covers the State, it was understood that for the present, at least, his labors should be

confined to the southern half of the State, comprised in the Presbyteries of Monmouth and West Jersey; these Presbyteries presenting extensive and needy fields for missionary work, and peculiar claims upon the more settled and abler portions of the Synod.

Mr. Brown, at the earliest possible moment, began his labors, although much hindered at the outset by the total suspension of the trains on the lines of the New Jersey Southern Railroad. He placed himself in connection with the Presbyterial Committees and Pastors of the Presbyteries, and has acted with their advice and co-operation throughout.

That the necessity of the appointment and services of a Synodical Missionary may be appreciated, it will be well to state here just the nature of his varied work.

He will be called to preach in vacant churches, missionary stations and destitute places, and to secure for such fields occasional or permanent supplies, for whose remuneration he must make provision; to administer the ordinances in churches which are vacant, or supplied by licentiates; to secure, so far as possible, employment for ministers who have no charge; to engage the services and provide fields for the vacation labors of well recommended theological students, and to seek out other judicious helpers. Sometimes he will be able to heal divisions in feeble churches, and to aid in grouping such churches together, and to induce them to make greater efforts for the support of a minister. There are houses of worship which have been shut up, which should be re-opened, and sometimes insurance on church property to be attended to, which may properly fall under his care; and his knowledge of the field will enable him to secure eligible sites for church buildings. Such a missionary can aid in organizing Sunday-schools, and prepare the way for the organization of churches; can secure the exploration and visitation of the mission fields by committees and other brethren of influence, ministers and laymen; and everywhere in the house and by the way, in the cars and on the street, consult and devise means to extend the cause of Christ within these bounds.

In labors thus briefly sketched, the Synodical Missionary has been engaged during the nearly nine months of his appointment; although his work thus far has been one, not so much of church extension as of church sustentation, an endeavor first to strengthen the feeble and infant churches in the two lower Presbyteries. In all cases he has acted under the advice of the missionary committees of these Presbyteries, and in close consultation with them.

An outline of results may be given as follows: Last year in West Jersey Presbytery, thirteen of the smaller churches were vacant, and some houses of worship had been long closed. The congregations were scattered and disheartened, and the Presbyterian name was becoming a reproach. The situation now is changed, these churches have been supplied, and there is now no vacant church in the Presbytery of West Jersey. Two missionaries supply each a group of three churches, and under the labors of one of these the number of members has been nearly doubled in one year. To another the care of four churches has been assigned.

In Monmouth Presbytery the smaller churches have been generally occupied,

but for two fields which were supplied by theological students during the summer, provision must now be made.

The importance of affording facilities for the practical training of candidates for the ministry has been urged by professors in our Seminaries, and endorsed by the General Assembly. The Synod of New Jersey has the territory and the men to test the theory by the results. During the summer vacation, four students of Princeton Seminary were employed in missionary service. One supplied an isolated outstation in Cape May county, and so acceptably that an earnest appeal comes from there for continued and regular services. Another preached in a mission chapel erected by the zeal of a few devoted women, and reports a crowded house and a petition for the organization of a church. A third supplied two churches so successfully that they desire his return. The fourth occupied a peculiarly destitute field, preaching in four district school-houses, and organizing two additional Sunday-schools. The attendance upon public services was so promising, and the number of Sunday-school pupils so encouraging that the Presbytery of Monmouth have organized a church there under very promising auspices, and hope ere long to see a comely chapel erected. This new church covers the ground occupied by four stations on the New Jersey Southern Railroad.

The labors of these students are not only on the Sabbath, and in the organization and conduct of Sunday-schools, but also from house to house, with reading of the Scriptures and prayer, and in distribution of Bibles, Tracts, Catechisms, and religious books and papers.

An illustration of the value of missionary oversight, occurred at Swedesboro, where a beautiful sanctuary had been long closed, and the congregation was scattered and discouraged. In that region was found a strong German population, and these were induced to unite with the English-speaking people in calling to the pastorate of the church one of the students of our German Theological School at Bloomfield, who preaches now to a harmonized and growing congregation, alternately in German and English. This result cost many visits and much care on the part of Mr. Brown, but the schism is healed, and the church started toward a hopeful future.

Of course, much of the labor and much of the results of such a missionary agency must be *unwritten*. No more intelligent testimony to its value can be given than the views of the brethren within whose Presbyterial bounds lies this field of mission work. The Chairman of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Monmouth speaks thus in his annual report: "The Presbytery of Monmouth is doing outpost duty for the Synod. It has taken positions in advance, which it is striving to hold for Christ and the Church. We have thirty-seven churches, of which only fifteen are self-supporting." After a description of the field, its destitutions, its promise, and of the work which the Presbytery is endeavoring to do, the report says: "We have been greatly aided in this work by your Synodical Missionary. He has done what no missionary committee composed of pastors is able to do. He has traversed the field, looked into the actual condition of the churches, brought ministers into the vacancies, and encouraged and helped the missionaries. As a Presbytery, we highly appreciate his labors, and are deeply grateful to the Synod for supplying a most necessary

agency for the efficient prosecution of our work. With a long coast line, which is growing in population, and is the resort every summer of increasing thousands, with much of vice and dissipation to resist,—with the vast region of the Pines to be subdued and brought into cultivation, we have a field which claims from the Synod its fostering care."

The Chairman of the Committee of West Jersey Presbytery, after speaking of the "increased vigor and success with which their work has been prosecuted during the year," adds thus: "And we are happy to acknowledge that this improvement has been mainly due to the efficient aid and supervision given to the work in our large field by the Synodical Evangelist. Acting under our advice and direction, he has been unremitting in his efforts to conserve and strengthen our feeble churches, by frequent visits, by keeping them supplied with regular ministrations, and by wise counsel in the regulation of their affairs. Since his appointment he has been able to supply nearly all our vacancies with capable men, and to maintain preaching at important points where it has not been possible for us heretofore to do so. We have about twenty mission churches, and all these were supplied regularly during the summer. Experience has proved on this field, the value of such superintendence and personal effort as can only be given by some one, who like our Synodical Evangelist, can give his whole time and attention to the work."

In conclusion, your Committee gratefully acknowledge the good hand of God during the year. The churches that are strong have helped the weak to bear the burdens under which they were borne down, or had, in some cases, even sunk to the ground. The work done proves how well able Presbyterianism in New Jersey is to maintain the position it has taken, to care for the churches it has founded. A Synod so strong and richly endowed as this, should prove also that our Church can do aggressive and pioneer work, as well as occupy the position of conservative strength with which it is universally credited.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

There has been received from the Presbyteries as follows:

Presbytery of Elizabeth	$ 15	
" Jersey City	108	
" Monmouth	150	
" Morris and Orange	200	
" Newark	235	
" New Brunswick	225	
" Newton	161	
" West Jersey	150	
	——	$1,244 00
Rev. A. H. Brown has been paid on account of salary	$1,025	
For traveling expenses	219	
	——	$1244 00

There is still due Mr. Brown the sum of $100 for his nine months' salary, and $27.13 for traveling expenses.

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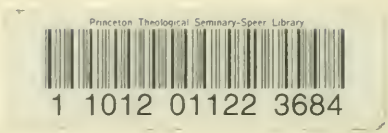

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